



FireWise Tips for Home & Property Owners



Wildfire is the #1 fire threat to our area, and 2006 promises to be a challenging year. Current and forecast weather conditions suggest that wildfire activity may be widespread and substantial. Here are some things you can do to protect you and your family, your home and property, and your neighborhood and community:

- **Thin dense stands of pine trees**
- **Remove downed wood and other flammable debris: mow grass and weeds**
- **Rake and dispose of pine needles, leaves and other surface fuels: clean roof**
- **Remove flammable materials from under decks: store at least 30' from home**
- **Use non-combustible roofing material and ensure screens are in good repair.**
- **Install spark arrestors on chimney flues, small engines and other equipment**
- **Store fireplace ashes and BBQ briquettes in a covered metal container, mix with water, and ensure they are cold before disposal**
- **Post name and address so it is clearly visible from street**
- **Maintain adequate driveway and turn-clearance for emergency vehicles**
- **Ensure your family has an escape plan, rendezvous point, and contact plan**
- **Contact the Fire Dept (928-779-7688) for a free Wildfire Home Inspection**